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**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
HOME DEPARTMENT  
GANGTOK**

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**Dated: 23/05/2016**

**NOTIFICATION**

The State Government had vide its Notification No. 01/Gen/Home dated 18.06.2015, announced the policy decision to provide permanent mobile numbers to the Chief Secretary/Additional Chief Secretary/Secretaries/HoDs and the District Collectors and District Superintendents of Police and that the payment for the bills thereof up to a limit of ₹. 500/- will be paid directly to the service provider by the Home Department and as a consequence thereof, the aforesaid Notification also reduced the monthly ceiling limits prescribed for office telephones under serial numbers 6(a) and 7(a) of Notification No. GOS/Home/08/43 dated 22.05.2009. In addition, vide Home Department's letter No 08/ACS/Home/2015 dated 30.04.2015, the Home Department also issued a permanent mobile number to each of the personal staff (PS/PA) of the Secretaries/HoDs with a ceiling limit of ₹. 299/- plus taxes to be paid/reimbursed by the concerned Department to the service provider/staff concerned.

2. However, certain difficulties were being faced in payment of bills particularly when the ceiling limits were exceeded and inability to make part payments; separately by Home Department and excess by concerned Officer, leading to disconnection etc. It was also noticed that many of the permanent mobile numbers assigned to the PS/PA remained unutilized as the concerned staff did not have dual chip mobile phone. This defeats the very purpose for which this scheme was conceived.

3. Therefore, in partial amendment to the earlier Notification No. 01/Gen/Home dated 18.06.2015, it has now been decided to restore the monthly ceiling limits for official telephones to the previous levels prescribed under Notification No. GOS/Home/08/43 dated 22.05.2009 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016. The Home Department will no longer pay ₹. 500.00 towards the charges for the permanent mobile numbers and the concerned Officers shall claim reimbursement as per entitlement within the prescribed limits from their respective Departments.

4. In view of the above, the following amendments shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016 in Notification No. GOS/Home/08/43 dated 22.05.2009, :-

(i) For the existing entries at serial numbers 6(a) and 7(a) substitute as follows:

“ 6 (a) Office telephones/official mobile numbers – ₹. 3000.00 pm.”

“ 7 (a) Office telephones/official mobile numbers – ₹ .2500.00 pm.”

(ii) Under serial number 13, the existing entry (b) shall be renumbered as (c) and the following new entry inserted as entry (b);

“ b. Personal staff of the HoDs,/ Secretaries etc. who have been assigned with the Permanent official mobile numbers by the Home Department -₹. 299/- plus taxes pm.

The Personal staff who have been assigned the Permanent official mobile numbers will be provided with a mobile handset with dual chip facility and the payment for the same shall be made/reimbursed by the concerned Department to the extent of ₹. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand only) per mobile phone. The mobile phone shall remain the property of the concerned Department and must be passed on to the next incumbent on transfer/ retirement of the staff concerned.”

**By order and in the name of the Governor.**

**Tsegyal Tashi, IAS**  
**Home Secretary**  
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